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ROLL OF SHEET MATERIAL

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 22, 2003. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: